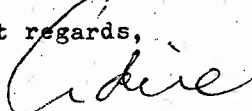


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Dear Harold: In case it wasn't in the US papers (it probably wasn't), Marcué Pardiñas has been arrested and the book thrown at him in connexion with the recent student demonstrations. The situation down here at the moment is somewhat tense, and I can't think of any further steps I could take about your matter with the prospect of concrete results. I don't want to add to your existing headaches by suggesting anyone, from among those still in circulation, for whose ability and reliability I can't vouch. We will see what happens with Marcué, but I fear he will not hit the street again for a long time. He, with others including university professors, has been publicly labeled as one of the "exotic elements" responsible for the student unrest. I doubt if he had a thing to do with it, but of course he would have been sympathetic.

Best regards,



It seems to be now generally admitted that provocateurs from outside made the recent Mex City massacre of students possible. We are used to taking this to mean "Communists", but this time I believe the "outsiders" they are ~~hinting~~ hinting about are the CIA. The game would perhaps be to frighten people away from the Olympics, thus create a crisis in the economy after the large investment in the Games, and so bring Mexico to heel with regard to its foreign policy - its refusal to join in an all-American gangup on Cuba. I suspect that an attempt at a new continental crusade against Cuba - a good diversion from Vietnam - is on top of Nixon's agenda.